

WATER ALLOCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND REGISTRATIN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

10-11-02

Next meeting of joint committee: Nov 15 at 10:00 AM

Next overall allocation meeting: Nov 22

Present			
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Not present			
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1. Define charges for two committees:

RESEARCH

- ? To understand how other states have approached water use registration/water allocation and glean lessons learned.

REGISTRATION

- ? To understand the various sources of water use data in RI
- ? Based on these data, make recommendations on whether a registration system is needed. If it is needed, recommend where? And why?

2. Discuss membership, identify missing stakeholders, assign responsibility for contacting

Category	Stakeholder	Who will contact?
Significant industrial water user in Blackstone	Ocean State Power	Kathy Crawley
Agriculture	Farm Bureau	Kathy Crawley
Manufacturing	John Grady, RI Mfg.	Kathy Crawley
Industry in Wood-Pawcatuck	Kenyon Industry	
Industry in Wood-Pawcatuck	Charberts	

3. Develop short term tasks

RESEARCH

1. Look at registration programs in other states
 - ? Develop questions/survey (draft questions were developed for the meeting and are attached with minor changes)
 - ? Identify states with similarities (population density, geology, climate, policy and legal framework). We picked NY, ME, NJ, FL and assigned Lori to look at NJ, Meg to look at ME, Terry to look at FL.
 - ? Collect information and summarize lessons learned
 - ? Present at Nov. 22 allocation meeting
2. Research allocation in other states

REGISTRATION

1. Collect existing sources of water use data (WSMP, SWAP, USGS studies)
2. Study USGS water use studies (Wood-Pawcatuck, Blackstone due out in late Nov.)

Research questions related to registration

1. Is there a threshold for registration? What is it? Are private wells included? How many private wells (approx) does state have?
2. Are there exemptions from the registration requirement? Grandfathering?
3. Does registration include groundwater? Surface water? Are rules different for two sources?
4. What are the application requirements?
5. Does the state have water supply management plans? How do they relate to the registration program?
6. Is registration voluntary? If not, how is the registration program enforced? By whom? How successful?
7. How many permits/registrations are there? What is the break down by sector?
8. What studies were in place prior to establishing a registration system?
9. Why was registration established?